

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1997

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Putnam, Broderick, Brooks, Brown (Richard), Cerny, Chicoine, Davis, Duxbury, Fischer-Clemens, Gabriel, Hagen, Haley, Koetzle, Lee, Lockner, Lucas, McNenny, Moore, Peterson (Bill), Schrempp, Volesky, and Weber and Senators Frederick, Albers, Brown (Arnold), Drake, Dunn (Rebecca), Everist, Flowers, Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Reedy, and Valandra

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the appointment of an interim legislative
2 committee to study water development districts, county drainage laws, conservation districts,
3 and other natural resource districts.

4 WHEREAS, watersheds and natural resources do not follow political boundaries; and

5 WHEREAS, different political subdivisions have various authorities over the management
6 of these natural resources and watersheds; and

7 WHEREAS, management of natural resources is best achieved on a regional watershed basin
8 approach; and

9 WHEREAS, the division of authorities often wastes financial resources and makes planning
10 and management decisions inconsistent as well as inefficient:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
12 second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
13 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council appoint an interim legislative committee
14 to make a comprehensive study of the desirability and feasibility of restructuring water

- 1 development districts, to study consolidating the county drainage law into the water development
- 2 district law, to review conservation district laws, to review other natural resource management
- 3 districts, and to recommend any necessary legislation to the Seventy-third Legislature.